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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US REP MBFR

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS; PRESS ARTICLE ON ALLEGED
US/SOVIET REDUCTION AGREEMENT

THERE FOLLOWS EXCERPT FROM VIENNA DIE PRESSE ARTICLE OF 27-28
OCT, WRITTEN BY HERMANN BOHLE AND TITLED QUOTE U.S. - ONLY
INFORMATION IN A CRISIS SITUATION UNQUOTE. US REP DISTRIBUTED
TEXT IN AD HOC GROUP MEETING OCT 29 AS TYPICAL EXAMPLE OF
EASTERN MISINFORMATION TACTICS INTENDED TO SPLIT ALLIES AGAINST
WHICH ALLIES SHOULD BE ON GUARD AS WE ENTERED MBFR NEGOTIATIONS.

BEGIN TEXT OF EXCERPT:

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"...IN ADDITION TO THE MOST RECENT CONSULTATION PROBLEMS, THERE IS NOW A NEW ONE. EAST EUROPEAN SOURCES ARE SPREADING THE NEWS THAT A PROCEDURAL AGREEMENT WITH REGARD TO THE "MBFR" NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH WILL START IN VIENNA ON OCTOBER 30TH, ALREADY EXISTS: BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR, IT IS PLANNED TO REACH A REDUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 14 PERCENT OF SOVIET AND AMERICAN UNITS IN CENTRAL EUROPE. IN EACH OF THE COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY THIS - POLAND AND THE TWO GERMAN STATES - THERE WILL BE ESTABLISHED A CONTROL ORGANIZATION WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE TWO SUPER POWERS AND THE RESPECTIVE COUNTRY CONCERNED.

THUS, THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THE FRG AS PART OF A POTENTIAL EUROPEAN UNION WOULD BE PERFECTED. IF THE AMERICANS DO NOT DENY THIS INFORMATION PUT OUT BY THE EAST, THIS FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT BETWEEN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON SEEMS ALSO TO HAVE BEEN FORMULATED WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH THE EUROPEANS." END OF EXCERPT.HUMES

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